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| First Named Inventor: | Walter L. Raines |
| Filing Date: | July 28, 2003 |
| Art Unit: | 3624 |
| Examiner Name: | Lalita M. Hamilton |
| Atty Docket No. | Raines-003 |

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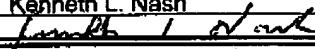
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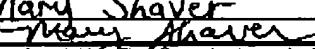
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| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity
Fee (\$)

50

25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

Total Claims**Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)****Multiple Dependent Claims**Fee (\$)Fee Paid (\$)

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Indep. Claims**Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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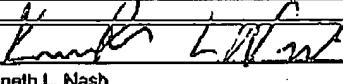
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